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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

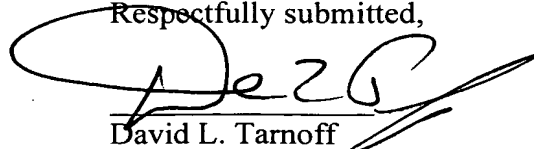
Japanese Laid Open Publication No 61-138881 appears to disclose a valve retainer having a tip and part made of a bimetal.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 03-117619 appears to disclose a valve body with rectangular holes, a valve body formed in a plate and a valve stopper. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

Japanese Patent Publication No. 04-275078 appears to disclose a microactuator having an ion-exchange membrane and electrodes. An English abstract is attached to better understand this publication.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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